

#### IV. Remarks

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 17, 21, 26, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 56, and 57 are independent claims.

The claims have been amended for clarity with regard to the specification and drawings, and not in response to any statutory requirements.

Applicants have added new Claims 47 - 56 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification.

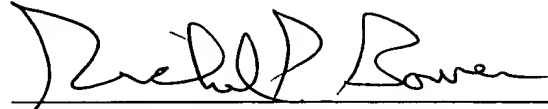
The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B) to state that this application is a Continuation-In-Part of International Application No. PCT/CA98/00986 (which designates the U.S. and was published in English as WO 99/22497 on May 6, 1999) filed October 23, 1998 which claims benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 60/063,218 filed October 23, 1997. Additionally, the specification has been amended for clarity and to correct a number of typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Figure A has been changed to figure 7 and a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing this change are attached in an appendix.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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